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# Rhode Island Board of Respiratory Care

Room 104 3 Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908-5097

# Instructions and Application For License As A

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Endorsement	
Temporary Status 🗌 Yes	☐ No
Examination	
Graduate Status Yes	☐ No
Applicant - Print Name (First/MI/Last)	

Phone: (401) 222-2828 TTY/TDD: (800) 745-5555 Fax: (401) 222-1272

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Enclosures**

The following materials and information should be enclosed within this application packet:

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#### **Licensure Requirements**

#### U.S. Graduates

- Fee of **\$125.00**.
- Recent passport type photograph.
- Birth certificate (*original or a copy notarized as being a true copy of the original*), or if born outside the United States, proof of citizenship or lawful alien status, (*original or a copy notarized as being a true copy of the original*).
- Official transcript from an accredited School of Respiratory Care.
- License Verification(s) from the state(s) in which applicant holds or has held a license.
- Two (2) letters of reference.
- Score or Certification sent directly from the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC).

#### **Graduate Status**

- Requirements listed under U.S. Graduates with the exception of scores from NBRC.
- Application for graduate status must be filed within 30 days of date of graduation. Graduate status permits are issued for a period of 90 days and may not be renewed. Failure to pass the certification examination results in the revocation of a graduate status permit.

#### **Temporary Status**

Applicants who provide documentation of current licensure in another state, and who file an application
with the above fee, may receive a temporary license to practice, under supervision of a licensed
respiratory care practitioner, until he/she is fully licensed.

#### Rules and Regulations/Laws

The rules and regulations for licensing "Respiratory Care Practitioners" can be obtained at the following web site:

http://www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/released/pdf/DOH/DOH\_425\_.pdf

Title 23, Chapter 39, entitled: Respiratory Care Act can be downloaded at the following web site:

http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/statutes/title23/23-39/

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW**

The licensure process in the State of Rhode Island is conducted by the Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH), Office of Health Professionals Regulation, and the Rhode Island Board of Respiratory Care (Board).

#### <u>Application Process</u>

In addition to the application, you must submit additional information directly to the Board. All items listed on the "checklist" (page 9) must be submitted for an application to be considered complete. All applications are considered valid for 1 year from the day they are received at HEALTH. If you do not complete the application process and obtain a license within 1 year a new application must be submitted.

Please allow a minimum of 4-6 weeks for the entire licensure process to be completed. If you have malpractice criminal or disciplinary history, in Rhode Island or another state, it can take an additional 2 or 3 months for all pertinent documentation to be received, and a decision to be made regarding issuance of your license.

Licenses will be issued within 7-10 working days following approval of the license. Wallet-sized license cards are mailed within 3 weeks from the date of issuance, and are mailed to the address furnished in the application. You are responsible for notifying the Board office, in writing, if your address changes in the interim. The Board may be emailed an address change. The email address is located at the following web site.

http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/professions/resp\_care.php

To obtain your license number prior to receiving your license card, please refer to the HEALTH Licensee Lookup web site:

http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/professions/license.php

HEALTH will not, for any reason, accelerate the processing of one applicant at the expense of others. Once completed, the application will be reviewed, and you will be contacted in writing.

Please continue to review the remaining portions of this application packet for instructions and other materials necessary to complete the application. If you have any questions about this application process, or would like to check on the status of your application, please contact the board staff at (401) 222-2828.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE LICENSE APPLICATION

Read the following instructions and those throughout the application packet carefully before completing the application. **Only complete applications with the appropriate fee will be accepted.** Failure to submit all required information and appropriate documentation may result in processing delays.

#### **General Instructions**

- 1. Make a copy of the application and forms before you begin in case you make a mistake.
- 2. Type your information or print in blue or black ball-point pen. HEALTH staff will not make assumptions about illegible information.
- 3. Provide a response to each section or question; otherwise mark "N/A" for Not Applicable.
- 4. We suggest that you make a copy of your completed application before submitting it to HEALTH.
- 5. It is your responsibility to check on the status of your application.

#### **Completing your Application**

- 1. Complete the application (pages 5-8). You must respond to <u>all</u> components of the application as instructed. If you attach separate pages in continuation of the application, such pages **MUST** clearly indicate the section for which such information is being reported.
- 2. Make check or money order (in U.S. funds only) for the application fee of \$125.00 payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer and staple it to the upper left-hand corner of the first (Top) page of the application. This application fee is NON-REFUNDABLE.
- 3. **For those born in US**: An original or notarized copy of birth certificate. **For those born outside US**: An original or notarized copy of citizenship or lawful alien status.
- 4. Affix a recent **2 X 2 photo** of yourself in the space provided.
- 5. Two (2) letters of reference from individuals, other than relatives, and at least one (1) of which shall be from a practicing respiratory care practitioner.
- 6. A completed official transcript **sent directly** from the accredited school of **Respiratory Care** to the Office of Health Professionals Regulation. No student copies will be accepted.
- 7. If you are a new graduate and applying for Graduate Status and your transcript is not yet available, a certified statement may be sent directly FROM the Dean or Registrar of the Respiratory Care School verifying your completion of <u>ALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS</u>, A completed official transcript must be sent directly FROM the school to the Office of Health Professionals Regulation as soon as it is available. A license cannot be issued without receipt of an official transcript.
- 8. Scores or certification **sent directly** from the **NBRC** (**Telephone 1-913-599-4200**) to the Office of Health Professionals Regulation.
- 9. **(Endorsement Candidates):** Please send the license verification form on page 10 to all states in which **applicant** holds or has held a license. Be sure to sign and complete the identifying information on the form. HEALTH must receive these verifications **directly** from the licensing authority in each state.
- 10. Mail the application and documentation to:

Rhode Island Department of Health Board of Respiratory Care, Room 104 3 Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908-5097



# State of Rhode Island Board of Respiratory Care

Application for License as a Respiratory Care Practitioner

Refer to the Application Instructions when completing these forms. Type or block print only. Do not use felt-tip pens. 1. Name(s) Title (i.e., Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc.) This is the name that will be printed on your License/Permit/ First Name Certificate and reported to those who inquire about your Middle Name License/ Permit/ Certificate. Do not use nicknames, etc. Surname, (Last Name) Suffix (i.e., Jr., Sr., II, III) Maiden, if applicable Name(s) under which originally licensed in another state, if different from above (First, Middle, Last). 2. Social Security - For Internal Purposes Only -Number U.S. Social Security Number 3. Gender Female Male 4. Date and Place 1 of Birth Day Month City and State; OR Province and Country, etc., if NOT U.S. 5. Home 1st Line Address (Apartment/Suite/Room Number, etc.) **Address** It is your responsibility to notify the board of all Second Line Address (Number and Street) address changes. City State Zip Code Country, If NOT U.S. Postal Code, If NOT U.S. Home Phone Home Fax Email Address (Format for email address is Username@domain e.g. applicant@isp.com) 6. Business Name of Business/Work Location **Address** (ONLY if it is 1st Line Address (Department/Suite/Room Number, etc.) **RELATED** to your license.) Second Line Address (Number and Street) It is your responsibility to notify the board of all address changes. City Zip Code This address will Country, If NOT U.S. Postal Code, If NOT U.S. appear on the Department of Health web site. Business Phone Extension **Business Fax** 

## Applicant: Print your complete last name >

7. Preferred Mailing Address Please check ONE	Please use my <b>Home Address</b> as my preferred mailing address  Please use my <b>Business Address</b> as my preferred mailing address
8. Qualifying Education  Please list the name and information about the school that you attended that qualifies you for this license.  9. Other State License(s)  Please answer the question and list state(s), if applicable	Type of School (University, College, Technical School, etc.)  Name of School  Date Graduated:
question and list	State/Country:    Active   Inactive   Active   Inactive   Active   Inactive   Inactive

#### Applicant: Print your complete last name >

11. Criminal Convictions Respond to the question at the top	Have you ever been convicted of a violation, plead Nolo Contendere, or entered a plea bargain to any federal, state or local statute, regulation, or ordinance or are any formal charges pending?	Yes	No
of the section, then list any criminal conviction(s) in the space provided.	Abbreviation of State and Conviction <sup>1</sup> (e.g. CA - Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance):	Month	Year
may continue on a separate 8½ x 11 sheet of paper.			
12. Disciplinary Questions Check either Yes or No for each	Has any Health Professional license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held, been disciplined or are formal charges pending?	Yes	No
question.	Have you ever been denied a license, certificate, registration or permit in any state?	Yes	No
	Note: If you answer "Yes" to any question, you are required to furnish complete details, includin and disposition of the matter. You may use the space below or, if needed, on a separate sheet of		, reason

### 13. Affidavit of Applicant

Complete this section and sign in the presence of a notary public.

Make sure that you and the notary public have completed all components accurately and completely.

I,, being first duly sworn, depose and say the	hat I am the
person referred to in the foregoing application and supporting documents.	

I have read carefully the questions in the foregoing application and have answered them completely, without reservations of any kind, and I declare under penalty of perjury that my answers and all statements made by me herein are true and correct. Should I furnish any false information in this application, I hereby agree that such act shall constitute cause for denial, suspension or revocation of my license to practice as a Respiratory Care Practitioner in the State of Rhode Island.

I understand that my records are protected under the Federal and State Regulations governing Mental Health Patient Records and cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided in the law. I understand that my records are protected under the Federal and State Laws and Regulations governing Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 CFR Part 2, and cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided in the regulations.

I understand that this is a continuing application and that I have an affirmative duty to inform the Rhode Island Board of Respiratory Care of any change in the answers to these questions after this application and this affidavit is signed.

Signature of Applicant	Date of Signature (MM/DD/YY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this	day of
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who is personally known to me or has produced	
as documentation and did / did not take an oath.	

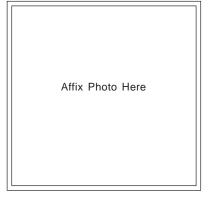
Name of Notary (Print, Type or Stamp)	Signature of Notary	Notary Seal
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Notary No/Commission No.	Commission Expiration Date (MM/DD/YY)	:

## 14. Recent Photograph

Securely tape or glue in this square a current 2" x 2" photograph of yourself (alone).

Photographs must be recent, passport type photo, clear, front view, full face without a hat or dark glasses.

Full length photos will not be accepted.





Write your name on the back of the photograph, and provide the date that the photograph was taken.

Date of Photograph

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Please review the following checklist to ensure that all the components of the application process has been satisfied. Some items may not apply.

Board .	<u>Application</u>
	I have read and understand the "Instructions for Completing the Application".
	I have completed the Rhode Island Board application as instructed (pages 5-8).
	I have attached the cover page of the application.
	I have completed Section 13, "Affidavit of Applicant", and had the form notarized by a notary public.
	I have attached a photograph to Section 14, "Recent Photograph" as instructed. I have verified that it meets the photograph requirements as stated in the application.
	I have attached a birth certificate ( <i>original or a copy notarized as being a true copy of the original)</i> , or if born outside the United States, proof of citizenship or lawful alien status, <i>(original or a copy notarized as being a true copy of the original)</i> , and understand that submitted documents will not be returned.
	I have a <b>check</b> or <b>money order</b> (preferred), made payable (in U.S. funds only) to the: " <b>Rhode Island General Treasurer</b> " in the amount of <b>\$125.00</b> and attached it to the upper left-hand corner of the first (Top) page of the application.
	I have arranged my Board Application materials in the following order.
	1. Fee (attached as instructed).
	2. Board Application (including cover page) and pages 5-8.
	3. Supporting documentation as required. [ <b>Note:</b> Pages containing additional information in continuation of the Board application] MUST indicate the section for which the information is being reported.]
	I have mailed the above application materials directly to the Rhode Island Board of Respiratory Care.
Requir	ed Forms
	I have completed and mailed the following forms as instructed.
	Interstate Verification Form(s) - Other State License(s).
Other [	<u>Pocuments</u>
	I have requested a school transcript and my score or certification (NBRC) as instructed.
	I have requested two (2) letters of reference be sent to the RI Board of Respiratory Care.

Substitute forms are not acceptable, copy this form as needed.



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#### INTERSTATE VERIFICATION FORM - OTHER STATE LICENSE(S)

I am applying for a license to practice as a Respiratory Care Practitioner in the State of Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Board of Respiratory Care requires that the following form be completed by the jurisdiction(s) in which I hold or have held a license. This constitutes authority for you to release all information in your files, favorable or otherwise, directly to the Rhode Island Board of Respiratory Care at the above address. Print/Type Full Name Signature Date Previous Names Used Social Security Number Date of Birth License Number Date Issued THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD Respiratory Care Program Completed: Applicant has completed and passed the National Certification Exam: Licensed by Examination? ☐ Yes ☐ Yes □ No ☐ No Original Date Issued: License Status: **Expiration Date:** Active Inactive Lapsed Questions: 1. Has this licensee ever been investigated by your Board? Yes ☐ No 2. Has this licensee incurred any disciplinary proceedings in your state, or is any action pending? Yes No 3. Has the applicant's license ever been denied, surrendered, reprimanded, suspended, revoked or placed ☐ Yes No on probation? 4. Do you know of any information that may discredit this person? Yes ☐ No If you answer "Yes" to questions 1-4, please provide a written explanation below, and attach a copy of all supporting documentation (e.g., Board order, complaint, etc.). Certification: Signature Date Type or Print Name Please Affix **Board Seal Here** Title Full Name of Licensing Board Please return directly to the Board at the above address. Thank you for your prompt cooperation.